In re **ISAIAH 52-53** **The Servant of the Lord**

See pages 83-84 of *Targum Jonathan to the Prophets** :

"The Servant of God is by the T[argum] identified with the Messiah, whose approaching appearance has been expected by his contemporaries. That being the case, the allegorization on the same lines of Is. 53 must follow as a self evident result. This had been the case with all those adhering to the allegorization of the Servant of God."

Targum Jonathan, at Isaiah 52, reads:

הָא יַצְלַח עַבְדִי מְשִׁיחָא יְרוּם וְיִסְגֵי וְיִתְקוֹף לַחֲדָא:

"Behold, **my servant the messiah** shall prosper, he shall be exalted and extolled, and he shall be very strong."

Embedded in the text, there is equidistant letter sequencing (every 20 letters, from left to right, starting with the *yod* at bottom right), which reads :

ישוע שמי (my name is Yeshua)

* Pinkhos Churgin, *Targum Jonathan to the Prophets* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1907); see also: Jacob Prasch, *Jesus in the Talmud* at Internet Archive :

https://archive.org/stream/pdfy-3bzOkLi4pg_2Lpgb/Jesus%20In%20The%20Talmud_djvu.txt